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## NEWS You Can Use

### Vehicle decal shortage update

There is an Air Force-wide shortage of DD Form 2220 Vehicle Registration stickers. The stickers have been backordered since May, with no ship date projected. As a temporary solution to the shortage, 78th Security Forces will be issuing extended temporary passes (AF Form 75) valid through Nov. 1. An announcement will be made base-wide when the backorder is received. Individuals issued the temporary pass will then have 10 duty days to report to Pass and Registration to receive the stickers. If stickers are not received by Oct. 15, security forces will make an announcement to remind personnel with temporary passes to report to Pass and Registration to be issued a new temporary pass by November. The expiration date of the new temporary pass has not yet been determined. Pass and Registration is located in Building 263, Peacekeeper Way. If you have questions, contact Leanne Langston, Pass and Registration supervisor, at 926-3583.

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### Transportation requests limited

The 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron deployed a vast majority of its vehicle operators in June, and will deploy various others during the next several months. The 78th Vehicle Management Flight's ability to support non-mission critical transportation requests (MWR, taxi, forklift, tractor trailers, etc.) has been severely impacted. To avoid delays in service, Vehicle Management will coordinate with units and evaluate available transportation options to include base or AMC shuttle service, U-Drive-It service, or arrange support through commercial vendors. Training is available Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 a.m. - noon, to units without certified trainers that require assistance in operating specialized vehicles such as buses, tractor-trailer combinations and forklifts. If mission requirements dictate, training can be conducted on a case by case basis. Units are requested to provide at least a 24-hour notification.

For more information or to schedule training, contact Tech. Sgt. Jason Pierre at 926-7893.

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## C-130 [50 years of flying]



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Above, C-130 production branch employees work on an aircraft. Below, Termetrus Shepherd, sheet metal mechanic, works on a nut plate channel for a center wing.



### Employees share memories of the Herculean aircraft

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The C-130 Hercules is capable of operating from rough, dirt strips and is the prime transport for air dropping troops and equipment into hostile areas. It operates throughout the Air Force, serving with Air Mobility Command, Air Force Special Operations Command, theater commands, Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve Command, fulfilling a wide range of operational missions in both peace and war situations. Basic and specialized versions of the aircraft perform a number of roles, including airlift support, Antarctic ice resupply, aeromedical missions, weather reconnaissance, aerial spray missions, and fire-fighting duties for the U.S. Forest Service and natural disaster relief missions.

On Aug. 23, 1954, the first C-130 prototype made its maiden flight from Burbank, Calif., to Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. That one short journey has led to half a century of Herculean efforts that the Robins' work force is proud to be a part of. Keeping the mighty birds in the air with the sweat of their brows, the men and women of the C-130 production branch here invest more than eight to ten hours a day to the Air Force mission. They invest their heart and soul.

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## Survey: workers want managers to take charge

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Results from the 2003 Leadership Across Differences Survey show that a large number of Robins' employees want first-line supervisors to

take the lead in managing diversity-related conflicts in the work place.

The survey, conducted by the North Carolina-based Center for Creative Leadership and the Diversity Steering Group at Robins late

August and early September of last year, allowed 395 civilian employee participants out of 1,100 randomly selected at Robins to rate the seriousness of four scenarios illustrating gender, race, religion and other diversity issues and

determine the most effective means of resolve. Maj. Beth Zeiger, director of the Organizational Health Center and a member of the base's Diversity Steering

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U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp  
Staff Sgt. Chris Smith demonstrates how to boil pine straw from a tripod over a fire to remove rust.

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It's safe to say Staff Sgt. Chris Smith has one of the most exciting classrooms in America. But, if you ask him, it's all about the learning. With field trips into the woods and through freshly prepared mud pits, the 5th Combat Communications Group's Combat Skills School instructor's job is never dull. Nine months ago Sergeant Smith was a satellite wide band and telemetry technician with the 51st Combat Communications Squadron, but he wanted more. "I think that in combat communica-

### What to know

The 5th Combat Communications Group Combat Skills School was established in 1964. The curriculum includes air-base defense, convoy procedures, law of armed conflict, use of force and physical fitness.

tions, the combat comes before the communications," he said. "I love my comm job, but I wanted to look at the other side of it. I know that I can set up communications, but how do we sustain ourselves? If the security forces or the Army squadron we were attached to were to leave, could we protect ourselves?"

## Hard hats herald growth

Ground-breaking ceremony for new corrosion control facility involves demolition

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Sometimes to build you must first tear down. Such is the case for the new large aircraft corrosion control facility slated to be erected in Robins' flight line area. To mark the construction of the new facility a ground-breaking ceremony was held Wednesday. But instead of the usual shovels, the ceremony involved swinging sledge hammers to signal the removal of existing buildings at the site. Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, hosted the ceremony.

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## AFMC chief retires

**By Tech. Sgt. Carl Norman**  
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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — Air Force Materiel Command's top enlisted leader walks away from the only organization she's ever worked for as an adult today, retiring from the Air Force after more than 30 years. Chief Master Sgt. Vickie Mauldin has spent the last year advising Gen. Gregory S. Martin, AFMC commander, on all aspects of the command's 20,000-member enlisted force. She and General

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## 5th Mob instructors deliver life-saving learning

To find out about the other side, he volunteered to be an instructor for an 18-month period with the school. To become an instructor he had to go through the Air Combat Command instructor's course. Once ACC instructor-qualified he learned how to construct a lesson plan, conduct oneself in the classroom and how to make learning fun. "If you just lecture the students for three weeks you won't get their attention so we try to make the learning as fun as possible with a lot of hands on instruction," he said. The course is designed to get combat communicators ready to deploy into an austere environment.

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**Robins  
3-day  
forecast**  
Courtesy of 78th  
OSS/OSW

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Partly cloudy

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cloudy with isolated  
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**Sunday**  
Mostly cloudy  
with isolated  
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## GROWTH

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“The money for this project came from transformational funds set aside by the Air Force for projects which fall under the transformational initiative,” the general told those gathered for the event.

He said Nelson Gibbs, assistant secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment and Logistics, has been a driving force in the transformational process.

The general further stressed the importance of the new facility would help improve on work force, quality, environmental and safety issues.

Joining the general in the ceremony were, Col. Larry Eriksen, deputy director of the Maintenance Directorate; Col. Lemoyne Blackshear, 78th Civil Engineering Group commander; Ric Powers, area engineer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Robins; and Bill Niksch, vice president and general manager for the

Austin Company.

“This new facility will be a tremendous addition to our maintenance production capability, and it will help us ensure safe, quality work on our large aircraft well into the future,” Colonel Eriksen said. “This will provide a solid foundation for taking on additional workloads at this air logistics center.”

The new facility will be used for paint stripping, surface treatment, priming and painting of aircraft prior to returning it to service after the programmed depot maintenance process.

“Corrosion control, paint and depaint, has long been identified as a bottleneck in programmed depot maintenance,” said Kyle Moody of the Maintenance Directorate’s Aircraft Production branch, or MAB. “This facility eliminates that constraint by increasing our corrosion control capability for large aircraft.

“Currently the only facility capable of handling corrosion control of the C-5 is Building 54. That building is inadequate for the task because the wing

tips must be removed to fit the aircraft into the hangar. The new facility will be designed to handle aircraft as large as a C-5 and as small as a C-130. This will increase flexibility of scheduling all large aircraft through Robins for corrosion control,” he said.

### Facility to incorporate new systems

Steve Hensley, also with MAB, said that approximately one-half of all programmed depot maintenance, or PDM, aircraft are depainted at the beginning of the PDM process.

A dry media stripping system which involves plastic bead media blast will be used to strip paint from the aircraft, according to Mr. Moody.

There will also be an air purification system which will clean the dust-laden air prior to exhausting it to the atmosphere. In addition, a breathing-air system will provide breathing air to all workers as they access the aircraft and provide ground support during paint and depainting, he said.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, makes remarks at the ground breaking for the new corrosion control facility Wednesday.

Custom-made tail stands are being designed to provide safe access to vertical and horizontal stabilizers. Telescoping platforms will provide safe access, for multiple workers, to parts of the aircraft currently only accessible by using a combination of scissor lifts and boom lifts. These aerial platforms will reduce the potential for aircraft damage using improved collision-avoidance technology and

also reduce clutter on the hangar floor by reducing the number of ground-running lifts required.

For the painting process, a hard-piped chemical distribution system will route the necessary chemicals for surface preparation – to include washing, etching and alodine – to strategic locations in the hangar. Bulk chemicals will be stored in a room outside

the hangar area.

These will be the first Air Force hangars ever to be designed and built specifically for air recirculation. The technology will allow the hangars to maintain specific air temperature and humidity requirements while using a fraction of the energy of other facilities. This will reduce the heating and cooling demand by two-thirds.

### No small building

The new facility will have a total area of more than 150,000 square feet and provide space for the paint and depaint processes of large aircraft, according to Jerry Thovson of the 778th Civil Engineer Squadron. When completed the hangar will stretch more than 800 feet from where Building 48 is located to Building 44. The front of the hangar will rise more than 100 feet.

The new facility has been funded by \$50 million in construction funds and \$20 million plus for equipment funds.

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“We learned a lot of lessons from Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom,” he said. “The old days of going to build up bases in the Middle East that are already established are pretty much gone. So now we deploy to bases that aren’t built up and as combat communicators they send us in with the understanding that we can basically survive on our own.”

That means providing their own force protection and everything else they need to make it on their own.

It’s the job of the instructors at the Mob school to ensure every member of the unit is able to take on those chal-

lenges.

Within 60 days of arrival to the 5th Mob new Airmen are required to take the course. Each class has 40-50 students and is a structured, disciplined course where the students are divided into squads and fire teams for the duration.

Sergeant Smith said the reason for the Army type environment is because a lot of the places they deploy to are under Army control.

There are four full-time instructors and a commandant at the school and when one instructor is in the classroom the others are preparing for the outdoor practical portion.

According to Sergeant Smith the instructors dedicate themselves to 17-hour days, which include getting ready

for a class, teaching time and preparing for the next day.

“We have a good time and we get along well as a team,” he said. “We all know that the key is to get these 50 students to work together as a cohesive team, to predict moves and to know what they will do before they do it.”

The instructor said he thinks it’s important for his students to be well-rounded individuals and trained in all aspects of their job. He said he also wants them to understand that they aren’t just communicators.

“If they just wanted a communicator they’d call a fixed base wing,” he said. “But, when they really want the guys who can get the job done in the dirt that’s when they call combat comm.”

He said his favorite part of instruct-

ing is the final field training exercise where the students put to use everything they have learned.

“Seeing them grow and learning how to survive and protect themselves gives you a really good feeling,” he said. “These aren’t people we train and send away. These are people we work with everyday, and it’s important to know that when they get done with the course I can deploy with them and trust that they will make the right decisions.”

It’s important to the students too. “It was a lot of fun and probably the best three weeks I’ve had at Robins,” said Capt. Melissa Cunningham, support flight commander. “The instructors are very professional and some of the best you can get.”

## SURVEY

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Committee, said the survey’s outcome indicated that a majority of those who were polled believed first-line supervisors should be the number one avenue to conflict resolution.

“The purpose of the study is to look at what people who hold

positions of leadership in organizations can do to prevent or reduce identity group tension and conflict in the work place,” she said. “It’s geared more towards what kinds of things leadership can do that will help (diversity conflict) situations versus make them worse or do nothing for them.”

In addition to the survey’s scenario-based questionnaire,

Robins added 10 questions of its own to get a better picture of its work force’s diversity climate.

Robins was the first of several places, like Brazil, Denmark, Germany, and France, to volunteer for data collection in the study, the major said.

“We are gathering data from countries that reflect the greatest spread in terms of cultural values,” said Maxine Dalton, pro-

ject co-manager in the study. “We want to understand how cultural values may exacerbate or mediate the triggers to social identity conflict and how cultural values may influence groups to reject or accept the actions of those who hold leadership positions when those actions are directed toward preventing or reducing social identity group tension and conflict.”

Survey results showed respondents endorse an ongoing diversity climate management as opposed to a crisis management approach to addressing identity group tension – defined as those conflicts that arise from physically visible group characteristics, such as nationality, skin color and gender.

“It’s natural, normal tensions from people being differ-

ent from each other,” the major explained. “Everyone is different from everyone else – and when it becomes a more visible difference, in general, people tend to get more nervous and uncomfortable if they aren’t used to talking with someone of that background. Sometimes, these conflicts can bleed over into our work place.”

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Martin worked together three and one-half years before coming here as United States Air Forces in Europe command chief and commander, respectively.

At retirement, she'll hang up a uniform she's worn since August 1974. She said she's going to take 11 days off before starting work Sept. 1 for a Forth Worth, Texas, civilian company's marketing department. There she'll put her decades of experience to use, helping that company relate more effectively with enlisted members of all branches of service.

Chief Mauldin's career has taken her to duty in five states and three foreign countries. She took on AFMC's command chief duties in August 2003.

Thinking about retirement and ending the Air Force chapter of her life, the chief said joy, sadness and a sense of accomplishment and loss are flooding her soul.

"I don't know any life other than the military, and I've loved every minute of it," she said, recalling entering the Air Force at the ripe old age of 18 years and 2 days. "My dad served in the Navy in World War II, and I have uncles who served in Vietnam, so I grew up listening to stories about service, camaraderie and watching each other's back. I wanted to be a part of that, so military service was a natural step.

"The thought of a little ole country



Courtesy photo

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – Gen. Gregory S. Martin, Air Force Materiel Command commander, left, and Chief Master Sgt. Vickie Mauldin, AFMC command chief, enter one of the many ceremonies they've attended together.

girl from West Virginia, who graduated high school with the same people she went to grade school with, becoming part of and retiring from an organization that spans the world is awesome."

That natural step launched what has become three decades of trying to make a difference in people's lives and putting others' needs before her own.

"I've tried very hard to not make my career about me, it's about others," the chief said.

She recalled a time at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, when an Airman came up to her and thanked her for caring so much for the enlisted troops.

"I didn't know him, what I had done or what impact that I'd had on him personally," she said. "But when I can go home at the end of the day or look back and say I did something for someone, that I made their burden a little easier, to me that was a success. That's why I've loved being a command chief."

In looking back on her time in AFMC, the chief said she's seen pride grow and develop and people are standing a little taller and feeling great when you talk to them about how much they mean to the Air Force.

"I'm proud of what AFMC people do and that we're so strong in support-

ing the warfighter in every aspect. When I was in USAFE I didn't realize then, but I do now, that they and a lot of other combat commands cannot do their jobs without AFMC giving them the tools, weapons, systems and software they need to do it. I'm very proud to be part of the command that helps make USAFE, Air Combat Command and Air Mobility Command so good at what they do."

And as the chief readies herself for the next chapter of her life, she offered some advice for the Air Force's future leaders.

"Young men and women today are much savvier about how to do things, how to get along and how the world works," Chief Mauldin said. "When I visited bases I was constantly amazed at how smart our men and women are. It's a good thing I didn't have to compete against them for promotion or I'd never have gotten promoted. The future is theirs; they just have to work to go get it. My advice is to do your best at every job you have, every day, and don't worry about EPRs (Enlisted Performance Reports) and decorations. The good opportunities and people will come to you."

And as the dust settles on Chief Mauldin's career, her hopes are people will remember her as someone who truly cared about them, who put their needs before her own and who wanted to see them be successful.

"I couldn't be more proud to retire out of AFMC because I truly believe the rest of the Air Force does ride on the back of this command," she said.

## Bolling AFB leader set to become AFMC command chief

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – A 26-year Air Force veteran currently pulling senior enlisted duties at Bolling Air Force Base, District of Columbia, is set to become Air Force Materiel Command's next command chief master sergeant.

Chief Master Sgt. Jonathan Hake, current command chief for Bolling's 11th Wing, is set to arrive here no later than Sept. 15. He'll take over for a retiring Chief Master Sgt. Vickie Mauldin in advising the AFMC commander on all aspects regarding the command's 20,000-plus enlisted members.

The chief was born in York, Penn., and enlisted in the Air Force in June 1978. He's held several positions in the Wideband-Satellite Communications career field and deployed extensively during assignments with five major commands and a joint-service agency. Before taking on the duties at Bolling, Chief Hake was the Eleventh Air Force command chief at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska.

Chief Hake has seen permanent duty at bases in four foreign countries and eight states, including two tours with the White House Communications Agency in Washington, D.C. He also deployed for 98 days to King Abdul Aziz Air Base, and 128 days to Prince Sultan Air Base, both located in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

More information about Chief Hake and his philosophies will be published in next week's Rev-Up.

– Tech. Sgt. Carl Norman

# C-130

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"We take pride in getting them back to the customer," said Johnny Jones C-130 production branch chief. "Our people work real hard at it. We work a lot of overtime and we do whatever it takes to get the job done."

According to the Robins History Office, the responsibility for the C-130 was transferred to Robins Jan. 1, 1958. Though none of the original mechanics and support staff remain, those who are celebrating the Herk's 50th birthday are no less attached to the aircraft.

Ken McGlamry, C-130 unprogramed depot level maintenance chief, said in his 39 and a half years with the 130's he's become a big fan.

"It's the best airplane out here," he said. "It's been a real good plane for the Air Force, and I'm real proud to be a part of the crews that keep it flying."

Mr. McGlamry added that what makes the aircraft stand out is the fact that no day's work is ever the same.

Mr. Jones agreed.

"Every C-130 is a little bit different," he said. "There are very few that come in here and we say this is what we're going to do to them and then they go back out. Especially

on the older ones there is a lot of what we call unpredictable work."

Even though the C-130 is full of the unexpected, it doesn't deter the work force from doing their best.

Even when corrosion turns a three to four month visit into a year long stay, they dig in and do their job.

"Not only do we have a versatile aircraft, we have to have a versatile work force to get this type of work done," said Mr. Jones. "With aging aircraft issues we find different problems every day. The mechanics adapt and find ways to get the job done. The key to what we do is their skill and versatility."

"Program depot level maintenance is our main job," said Mr. Jones. "One of our number one customers is Air Force Special Operations Command and we do modification to their aircraft as well as the other aircraft that comes in here. Our goal is to keep the airplanes on schedule so we can get them back to

the war fighter. Anyone who watches the news these days knows the special mission aircraft and cargo haulers we work are needed in the fight."

Mr. Jones said when the aircraft arrive here they have been worked hard and the war fighters are counting on them to get them back out on time so they can get their mission accomplished.

The C-130 production branch services on average between 75 and 100 aircraft each year in Building 91, but the work was not always so comfortable.

According to Connie Currie, C-130 planning supervisor, when she came to the C-130s, they shared work space with the F-15s and the C-141s. Later that space was lost and they worked the aircraft on the ramp. "It was so hot in the summer that we would take an egg and actually fry it on the wing," she said. "During the winter it got just as cold as it was hot. When we got Building 91 in 1991 we were very happy."



Connie Currie is the C-130 planning supervisor.



Ken McGlamry is the C-130 unprogrammed depot level maintenance chief.



Keith Maden is an aircraft foreman.



Johnny Jones is the C-130 production branch chief.

Air Force. He said he sees this job as a way to a carry on his Air Force legacy.

"I know how important the work that we do is," he said. "Making these airplanes and aircrews fly safely is one of the things I love about my job."

Termetrus Shepherd who has been a sheet metal mechanic for the past 22 years is another member of the large force. She said her job is like that of an auto body mechanic except it's done on airplanes.

"We handle the structural part of the C-130," she said. "It's a good feeling knowing that what ever part you play no matter how small it is contributes to the larger war fighting effort and the productivity of the weapon system."

She said during her tenure here she has enjoyed most the family type atmosphere of the C-130 crews.

"There is a real sense of family here. If we lose someone to a swing shift it's like losing a family member."

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# Changes to Thrift Shop make store more accessible

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Recent changes at the Thrift Shop are giving the store’s volunteers a new approach to doing business.

The Thrift Shop, operated by members of the Officers’ Spouses Club, has undergone changes during the past year that create a more spacious floor plan and provide customers with easier consignment area access. Lesley Houston, the OSC co-chairperson, said it has made the store more customer-friendly.

“It should make the consignment process faster,” she said. “We’re hoping it will give customers more room to consign furniture – which are large ticket items.”

Mrs. Houston said customers will now enjoy the convenience of the shop’s new consignment area, located in the back of the shop, where customers can display their own consigned clothing items, as well as an open-door policy for base ID card holders wanting to become volunteer workers at the shop.

Customers must complete all forms for consignment of items in advance. Consignment forms are available for 25 cents a form at the shop and must be completed in advance of item consignment.

Items must be in usable condition, as determined by the Thrift Shop staff, upon time of consignment.

All base ID card holders are welcomed to shop at the store.

## What to know

The Thrift Shop is located in Building 288 on Page Road. The shop is open Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with consignment hours from 10 a.m. to noon. Beginning Oct. 2, the Thrift Shop will be open the first Saturday of each month.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Julie Gravgaard, Thrift Shop chairperson, prices items for sale. For more information, contact Ms. Gravgaard or Lesley Houston, Thrift Shop co-chairperson, at 923-1686.

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OSC co-chairperson

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# From the doctor’s point of view

**By Col. (Dr.) Richard G. Griffith**  
78th Medical Group commander

I’ve been practicing family medicine for more than 25 years. Some might question how much practicing I need to do to get it right. I guess, since managing medical units seems to be my current lot in life, I’m doing less and less practicing; but I have learned a few important lessons which might be of help to you.

Many patients, friends and loved ones have told me, “If only I had... (whatever)... my life would be much different.” Here are some of the “whatevers.”

*“If only I’d spent more time with my family.”*

Personal time management is just as important for us in the military as it is for those in civilian life. Of course, the United States Air Force is a demanding boss. We’re often required to work long hours and travel. But, we do get time off. Some of us monopolize that time with selfish pursuits, and others of us use the time to build

relationships with those we love. Whether or not you parent a family, you are still part of a family. Dysfunctional families, marital strife and rebellious kids are often a function of poor priority in time management. If you give of yourself, your loved ones will know you care.

My wife and I always have had a date night out each week, even when the children were little. Often, when money was scarce, all we did was walk in the park and hold hands. The baby sitter cost more than the date. We understood that movies and expensive dinners take away from what is really needed – communication. With a crowd of five kids to raise, we found that each little one needed time alone with Dad or Mom. They each got their turn to pick the activity for family fun night (usually McDonald’s and a game). On separate Saturdays, each one went out to breakfast alone with Dad. Sorry, no lectures from Dad. The child got to pick the discussion topic as well as the menu. These are times none of us will forget. It’s not too late for

you to begin similar traditions with those who love you and those you wish would love you more. Family relationships must be nurtured and cultivated. The fertilizer is time, meaningful time full of positive, affirming activities.

Recent events at Robins have emphasized just how critical this truth is. We’re all aware of numerous unfortunate events in and around our community in recent weeks. Our loved ones need to know we care, even more so now. Our time is our most important preventive health tool in relationship building. We’re all building a legacy for generations to come. What message will your life and your legacy send to those you love and those who love you?

*“If only I’d spent more time taking care of my health.”*

Many of my patients, as well as my own father, have told me they wished they had never started smoking. My Dad started at age 15 and smoked three packs per day for most of his life. He tried to quit hundreds of times. I

remember as I grew up, just how frustrated and irritable he was during those times.

One day, years later, he started coughing up blood. He went to the doctor who did a chest X-ray and told him he was OK. He also told him to come back in a couple of weeks if the blood did not go away. Ten months later, my Dad went back complaining that he had coughed up blood each day since the last visit. He also had tried to quit smoking a dozen times or so. This time, the X-ray showed lung cancer. Dad put the cigarettes, his pipes and his cigars down on the table beside his favorite chair and never smoked again. He left them there to prove that he had stopped. Amazingly, in one day, Dad transitioned from an annoying, expensive, dirty, smelly habit to a life-threatening disease. He found the will power to quit; but a little too late. He was calm, collected, personable and very, very worried.

It took my Dad 14 months to die. He wished he had never started using tobacco. Don’t let this happen to you. Take care of your

health and don’t use tobacco. *“If only I’d used more common sense.”*


I know you are tired of hearing about seat belts; but this is one of my pet peeves. We have an epidemic of folks wearing seatbelts on base and then taking them off just after they pass through the gate.

One of the quickest ways to shorten your life or permanently disable yourself is to turn yourself into a projectile. Death by automobile accident is much more likely if you are thrown from the car. You have all seen the pictures of these disasters. Medics call this mystical thinking. This is the lie that says “it can’t happen to me.” It can and it will if you aren’t practicing basic safety. Don’t drink and drive. Don’t go boating without wearing a floatation device. Don’t exercise in the heat without drinking plenty of water. Wear your seat belt and insist that all your passengers do as well. Use more common sense. Listen to reason. You will need your full span of years to eliminate the “whatevers” in your lives.



**Col. (Dr.) Richard G. Griffith** is the commander of the 78th Medical Group.

Commander’s Action Line



**Col. Greg Patterson**  
Commander,  
78th Air Base Wing

Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live.

Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use [action.line@robins.af.mil](mailto:action.line@robins.af.mil).

Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins AFB homepage at <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Rev-Up. Anonymous Action Lines will not be processed.

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Safety Office.....	926-6271
Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline.....	926-2393
Housing Office.....	926-3776

## Can we replace old static display on I-75?

I would like to suggest the removal or replacement of the display at the Warner Robins exit of I-75. This display is an eyesore. It does not represent or display the pride I have in my place of employment or my home. People who visit Robins fly into Atlanta and drive to the base. They all pass this antiquated and poorly maintained display which doesn’t leave a good first impression. If we had an F-15 mounted at sufficient height, their first impression would be much better. On a recent trip, I passed a rest area in Pensacola, Fla., where a Navy “Blue Angel” plane was mounted on a large steel beam. I could see this display for quite a distance, and it was a very impressive landmark.

I would like to know who installed our current display and who has ownership. Can we have something impressive like the Pensacola display?

**Commander’s reply:** Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention. The display drone on I-75 was originally sited by the City of Warner Robins in the 1970s. When the Museum of Aviation became a reality in 1984, the responsibility for the care and maintenance of the display was transferred to the museum. The display has been painted and decaled numerous times over the last 20 years by museum personnel and base volunteers. A project to refurbish the drone was proposed to the museum in April by the 116th Air Control Wing and is currently projected to be complete in September. The City of Warner Robins has requested a static display F-15 from the United States Air Force Museum for display at the new Russell

Parkway exit on I-75. When the new exit is completed, the Museum of Aviation will consider the removal of the current display at Exit 146.

## Barriers at Building 220 on Richard Ray Boulevard

I am concerned about the close proximity to the road of the concrete barriers being installed in front of Building 220 on Richard Ray Boulevard. I understand they are being placed there for security measures, but they seem to be too close to the street. What is the thought process of placing them so close to the road where the lanes are already narrow? Even with the reduced speed limit of 20 mph during peak hours, I think they could be placed 3 or 4 feet from the road and provide the same security. Will the barriers stay that close to the road?

**Commander's reply:** We have received many questions concerning the barrier project at Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command. These barriers are being installed as part of the Anti-Terrorism and Force Protection measures that have been directed since the 9/11 tragedy. The force protection requirements are given in Unified Facilities Criteria 4-010-01 and require that there be barriers to enforce a clear space of 25 meters between traffic and facilities to be protected. (There are exceptions for controlled and limited access.) In this case, that put most of these barriers in conflict with the trees that exist along Richard Ray Boulevard. Since the UFC prevents the barriers from being

placed closer to the building, the barriers were moved closer to the road to not only avoid the trees but also the root system and underground utilities located near the sidewalks. Even though they are imposing, once the construction has finished and the orange cones are removed there should be no protrusions into or interference with traffic on the road. During this time of transition, please continue to be alert and drive carefully in the areas of construction. Thank you for your concern.

## Speed limit on Richard Ray Boulevard

The speed of vehicles on Richard Ray Boulevard is still far in excess of the posted 20 mph especially with drivers entering from side streets. Maybe more 20 mph signs in each block could be a start. I recommend the Gate 2 security forces also remind personnel entering the base that there are lowered speeds ahead.

**Commander's reply:** Thank you for your concern. Security forces perform active enforcement when available during the day. To increase enforcement opportunities, security forces staff personnel occasionally perform enforcement as their schedule permits. Although a short briefing from the gate guards is a good idea, please understand that one short brief usually turns into a lengthy discussion. Multiplied, it can cause delays or misunderstandings in the short time a gate guard interacts with a motorist and thus increasing wait times or causing other traffic issues. Additionally we have purchased programmable electronic speed limit signs to be installed on Richard Ray and Third Street by the end of August.

## Remember to slow down



### How the points add up

Accumulating 12 traffic violation points within a year may cause drivers to lose base driving privileges for up to 6 months. Speeding violation points are based on the number of miles over the posted speed limit.	10 miles = 3 points
	11 - 15 miles = 4 points
	16 - 20 miles = 5 points
	21+ miles = 6 points

Source: AFI 31-204



Airmen Against Drunk Drivers is a 24-hour-service that provides rides to those who have consumed alcohol and need transportation home. The program is run by volunteers from across base, and those who use the service aren’t subject to adverse action. **To request a ride, call: 335-5218, 335-5238 and 335-5236.**

## Robins DUI tracker

Robins has adopted a zero tolerance policy for drinking and driving. In addition to an incentive for no DUIs and putting up signs to keep the message in drivers’ minds as they leave the base, the Rev-Up will run weekly numbers of DUIs.

August: **2** August 2003: **1** Year to date: **42\*** 2003: **63** As of Wednesday Number of days since last DUI: **6**

\* one of this year’s DUIs involved a civilian who is not connected to the base

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Training days



U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Sequoiya L. Franks

The 78th Air Base Wing Security Forces and the Warner Robins police department teamed last week for hostage rescue training. The High Risk Training Company, owned by Mario Martinez, provided a week-long course to better prepare local law enforcement in the event of a hostage crisis. The first five days of instruction included general special weapons and tactics exercises. The training ended Saturday after a three-day hostage rescue portion.

Volunteers for Armed Forces  
Inaugural Committee needed

The Air Force is seeking individuals to support the 55th presidential inauguration in January. Those selected will perform unit funded, temporary duty in Washington D.C. for the Armed Forces Inaugural Committee. The sending unit will pay for all TDY expenses.

To volunteer, contact your commander's support staff. Application packages should be faxed to the Air Force Inaugural Liaison Office, 11 WG/CCI, DSN 754-1026 or COM (202) 404-1026, no later than Sept. 8.

Specialties needed include **Enlisted:** Assembly Control Comm, Dec. 5 - Jan. 31; Base Station Operator Nov. 30 - Jan. 25; Video Maintenance, Nov. 30 - Feb. 15; Telecommunications, Oct. 3 - March 15;

Vehicle Dispatcher, Nov. 30 - Jan. 28; PIC Liaison, Nov. 15 - Feb. 15; Still Photo Editor (Digital), Nov. 30 -Feb. 15; Still Photographer, Dec. 27 - Jan. 31; Video Operator, Nov. 30 - Feb. 15; Video Operator, Dec. 27 - Jan. 31; Base Station Operator, Nov. 30 - Jan. 25; Heavy Trans Bus Driver, Oct. 31 - Jan. 31; Heavy Trans Truck Driver, Oct. 31 - Jan. 31; Ceremonies Support Driver, Oct. 31 - Jan. 31; Ceremonies Support, Oct. 31 - Jan. 31. **Officer:** PIC Liaison, Nov. 15 - Feb. 15; COMREL/Public Inquiry, Oct. 3 - March 15; External Information-PA/Media Specialist, Oct. 3 - Jan. 31; Public Affairs Watch Stander, Jan. 14 - Jan. 25; Special Events Coordinator, Oct. 3 - Feb. 15.

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# Excellent



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Members of the 19th Air Refueling Group, above, applaud the results of their Expeditionary Operational Readiness Inspection during an outbriefing at Coates Hall Aug. 12. The EORI is a Headquarters Air Mobility Command inspection for the purpose of proving the group's worldwide capability to perform the command's mission. The group received an overall 'excellent' rating. Right, Col. Raymond Rottman, left, is presented a coin by Col. Thomas Stark, AMC inspector general.



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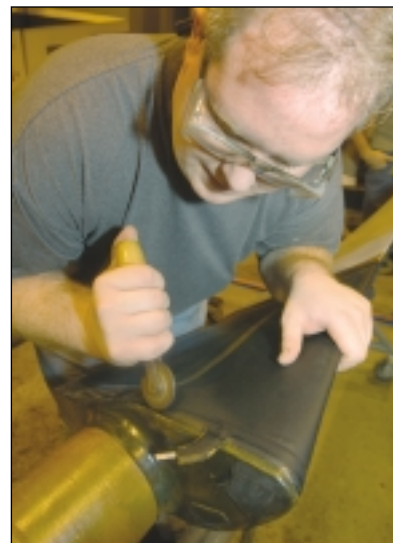
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# Balancing act

C-130 propeller shop mechanics provide for a smooth ride in the sky



Barry Yurgalavage installs a heater to a blade, which will prevent the prop from icing.



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Justin Bridges measures the width and thickness of a prop blade while Rodney Cooper records the data.



Bobby Grier overhauls a valve housing for a propeller.

When the C-130 fires up its engines, the propellers provide the thrust needed to move the aircraft. The mechanics in the Maintenance Directorate's C-130 propeller shop are experts in providing the means for that thrust. The shop turns out about 55 completely overhauled C-130, four-blade propellers a month.

"We do a complete teardown, overhaul each part and rebuild the propellers" said Ken Price, work leader in the prop buildup shop. "Full operational tests except rotation are done in the shop to make sure it's operat-

ing within required parameters before it goes on the aircraft."

Part of the job consists of a huge balancing act. Each blade is individually balanced, then grouped with compatibly balanced blades to form the complete propeller. The propeller is then balanced again as a unit.

The balance provides for smooth rotation without wobble.

"The people in this shop have a job to do, and they do it well. It's a good feeling to see a C-130 fly overhead and know we had a part in it," Price said.

— Sue Sapp

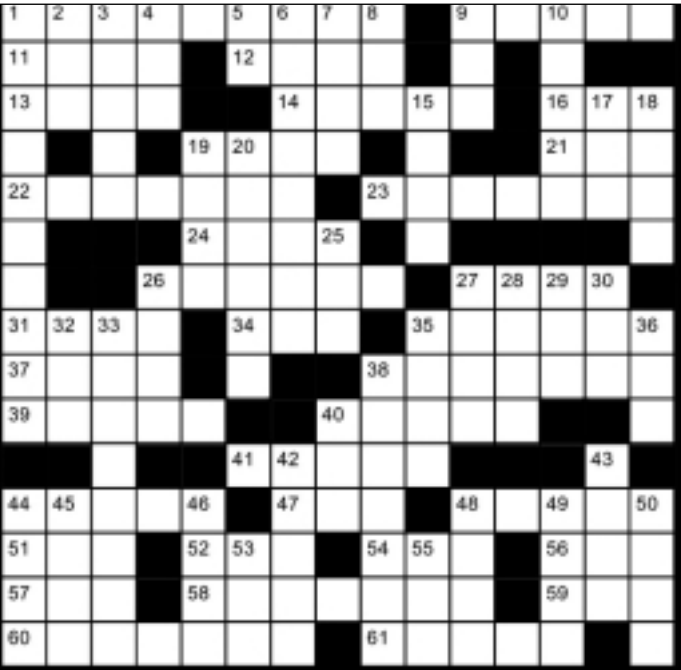


Todd Trodahl, above and left, does a final balance to a propeller. After blades are individually balanced, they have to be balanced as a unit.





CROSSWORD PUZZLE



National Aviation Day
By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

- ACROSS
- 1. First to fly solo across Atlantic (1927)
  - 9. First in helicopter flight (1907)
  - 11. Middle name of American helicopter pioneer
  - 12. Group on same side, as in game
  - 13. Helen of Troy's mother
  - 14. Dr. Brown of Back to the Future
  - 16. Lair
  - 19. "\_\_\_ the night before Christmas ..."
  - 21. Pub drink
  - 22. First woman to fly solo across Atlantic (1928)
  - 23. Made first space flight (1961)
  - 24. Zodiac animal
  - 26. Yankee baseball player (1891-1900) and manager (1902-1932)
  - 27. They raise money to give to politicians
  - 31. Fog
  - 34. NASA telescope, in brief
  - 35. William Samuel \_\_\_; experimented with model gliders
  - 37. French aviation engineer and inventor (1841-1926)
  - 38. Made first seaplane flight in America (1911)
  - 39. Gigli actress
  - 40. Made first successful helicopter (1936)
  - 41. Single bag (two words)
  - 44. Sanctify
  - 47. To express triumph
  - 48. Victor \_\_\_; French aviation theorist (1843-1913)
  - 51. Earthlink competitor
  - 52. Pie \_\_\_ mode (two words)
  - 54. Baseball stat
  - 56. Exploit
  - 57. War fought 1914 to 1918, "War to end all Wars"
  - 58. Made first powered flight (1952)
  - 59. Cat's noise
  - 60. Merciful
  - 61. Christmas carols
- heavier-than-air flight (1894)
2. "\_\_\_ Got A Secret"
3. Pioneer in field of consumer protection
4. Building block of life?
5. 1982 Spielberg movie
6. They establish connections
7. Women (old-fashioned)
8. Medical corporation
9. Important food fish from Atlantic waters
10. Used to detect distant objects
15. 365 days
17. Cotton gin Whitney
18. Hawaiian goose
19. Soft mineral
20. Made first controlled, powered, heavier-than-air flight (1903)
25. American singer and pianist King Cole
26. Being nothing more than
27. Benefit
28. Bet
29. CBS TV show
30. . . . . .
32. Commotion
33. Made first controlled, powered, rigid-body flight (1901)
35. Twain character Finn
36. Agency considered "nation's cryptologic organization"
38. Headed Women's Air Force Service Pilots
40. Federal org. concerned with flight safety
42. Richard Roundtree role
43. Man considered the "Father of American Aeronautics"
44. Cry
45. Pioneering balloonist Thaddeus \_\_\_; used balloons in Civil War
46. Has wisdom and calm judgment
48. Neap or ebb?
49. Antacid
50. Information about recent events
53. Vietnam War Memorial architect
55. Sis' sibling

- DOWN
- 1. Made first controlled

For puzzle solution, see Aug. 27 edition of the Rev-Up

Puzzle solution for Aug. 13



FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

Family Support Center sponsored classes, workshops, and seminars are open to all Team Robins personnel. For more information, or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.

Bundles for babies & infant care

The Air Force Aid Society will conduct a Bundles For Babies & Infant Care class Wednesday, 8 a.m. - noon, Building 827, (old base gym) HAWC classroom.

The course is for all active duty Air Force families preparing for a new baby. Discussions will cover early childhood development, attachment, infant care, practical preparation and financial preparation. At the end of the session, a bundle is presented, compliments of the Air Force Aid Society. The bundle includes a thermal weave plaid cotton crib blanket, a hooded towel and wash mitten, a white knit crib sheet, a 2-pack printed cotton receiving blanket, a 4-pack cotton diapers, a 2-pack sleep-n-play, a 3-pack onesies and a pair of booties.

The spouse's connection

The FSC will offer the spouse's connection, Wednesday, 9-11 a.m., in Building 945, FSC annex.

Tired of staying home? Need to get out? Want to make new friends? We have just the thing you are looking for. Let's get together for conversation, laughter, fun and refreshments. Come and learn about the fun things to do in Middle Georgia and make a new friend in the process.

Sponsorship training

The FSC will offer training for both beginner and experienced sponsors

Thursday, 2 - 3:30 p.m., Building 945, FSC annex. The training provides sponsors information on types of information to send to the PCSing member and where to obtain it; different ways to communicate with the inbound member; and information regarding their responsibilities to the assigned member and his or her family, if applicable.

Financial workshop

The Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Middle Georgia, a nonprofit organization funded by the United Way, will conduct a free "Money and Credit Management" workshop Aug. 27, 1 - 4 p.m., Building 905, Room 127.

A comprehensive workbook is provided to all attendees. Information on credit management, debt reduction and consumer rights will be presented at this workshop. Assistance will be provided in the development of spending and savings plans so that financial goals may be realized. This workshop is open to all Team Robins members.

Transition assistance

Transition Assistance has a four-step process for ensuring active duty personnel are prepared to separate from the military. The process begins with

- attending a pre-TAP information class 18 to 36 months prior to separation;
- attending a resume and writing class around the 10th month;
- attending the three-day Department of Labor workshop at the sixth month; and
- attending interviewing process class at the fifth month.

These classes are offered throughout the year. Personnel approaching separation should schedule pre-separation and Individual Transition Plan counseling

appointments with a TAP representative.

Relocation assistance

Relocation Assistance at the FSC has videos on many Air Force installations around the world available for checkout.

RAP also has a Standard Installation Topic Exchange Service that has information on all military installations worldwide. This informational site is for all personnel: www.airforcesourceone.com; user ID: airforce; password: ready. From simple questions to complex issues, you can use Air Force One Source 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you don't have a computer you can call (800) 707-5784, and for conversation en Espanol, llame al (800) 375-5971.

For additional information, contact Relocation Assistance at 926-3453.

Pre-deployment briefings

Pre-Deployment Briefings are offered twice weekly by the FSC Readiness Team. Briefings are conducted at 8:30 a.m. Monday and Friday in Building 945, FSC annex. Call 926-3453 for details.

Airman's attic

The Airmen's Attic program supports junior enlisted members that are establishing a household. E-4s and below are encouraged to use items in the attic to defray the cost of setting up an apartment or home. Items usually available include kitchenware, small appliances and decorative items. The attic also receives and provides children's clothing, toys and military uniforms. Large items such as couches, washers, dryers, entertainment centers, desks and tables are donated to the Airman's Attic. These larger items are passed onto junior enlisted members by way of a "wish list." All E-4s and below are encouraged to visit the Attic and list their needs on the wish list.

SERVICES BRIEFS

CDC East and West

The Child Development Center has immediate openings for limited number of children, ages 6 weeks - 6 months and no waiting for ages 3 - 5. Child care fees are determined by total family income and cover 50 hours of care per child, per week. These National Association for Education of Young Children accredited centers in buildings 943 and 946, Tenth Street, are open Monday - Friday, 6:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. To register, go to www.robins.af.mil/services or visit the Family Child Care office, second floor of Building 767, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. To tour a facility, call Pam Martinez at 926-5805 or Tommy Henson at 926-3080. For more information, call Vera Keasley, FCC coordinator, at 926-6741.

Enlisted Club

A pool party will be held Saturday at 9 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by DJ Dirty.

ITT

Join ITT on a day-trip to the Mall of Georgia Sept. 18. Mall of Georgia features Dillard's, JC Penney, Lord & Taylor, Nordstrom and Rich's - Macy's, plus

more than 225 other stores such as A/X Armani Exchange, Ann Taylor, Barnes & Noble, Banana Republic, Delia's, Pottery Barn, Restoration Hardware, and Williams-Sonoma. A 57-passenger tour bus, featuring on-board restrooms, will be reserved for this shopping trip. Cost is \$30 for club members and \$35 for non-club members and includes complimentary breakfast. The tour bus will depart from the parking lot across from the Smith Community Center at 8:30 a.m., and departure from the mall will be at 7 p.m. A minimum of 30 people must sign up by Sept. 3 at ITT. For more information, call 926-2945.

The 64th Annual Al-Sihah Shrine Circus will be held Sept. 11 - 12 at the Macon Coliseum. Costs for advanced tickets are \$10 adults and \$5 children. Show times are Sept. 11 at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sept. 12 at 1:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the ITT office.

Tickets for NASCAR, held at the Atlanta Motor Speedway are on sale for the Oct. 30 and 31 races. The tickets, which normally cost \$90 at the gate, will cost \$50 per person, with seating in the

east turn section of the stadium. Last day to order tickets will be Sept. 15.

Busch Gardens and Sea World are holding military appreciation days through Nov. 11. Ticket cost is \$45.

Officers' Club

Come out Aug. 27 for a boot scootin good time with a Texas buffet from 6 - 9 p.m. Country music will be played from 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. Cost is \$13.95 for members and \$14.95 for nonmembers.

Skills Development Center

Clip the customer appreciation coupon in the August Edge magazine to receive 20 percent off on framing of military memorabilia (excluding flag box cost). This special includes three lines of engraving on a plate for free.

Smith Community Center

The Smith Community Center ballroom will be closed Aug. 31 - Sept. 3 to receive new flooring and the hallway will be renovated Sept. 29 - Oct. 5. Pizza Depot patrons will need to use the back entrance to the Pizza Depot during the hallway renovation.

CHAPEL SERVICES

**Catholic Masses** are celebrated at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., and on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and 5 p.m. and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m.

**Protestant General Services** take place every Sunday at 11 a.m. This service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and in format.

**Protestant Inspirational Services** take place every Sunday at 8 a.m.

**Protestant Contemporary Services** take place 11 a.m. each Sunday at the Base Theater. This service is very informal, with a praise team assisting in singing and includes both traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship.

**Jewish service time** is each Friday at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

**Islamic Friday Prayer** (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex Rooms 1 and 2.

*The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.*

Reunion concert set for Sept. 12

There will be a reunion concert Sept. 12 at 5 p.m. at the Base Chapel. The concert will feature Robins Gospel Experience Choir, Robins Chancel Choir, New Hope Baptist Church of Perry Inc. Male Choir and a special guest choir.

— From staff reports

MOVIE SCHEDULE

*Adult tickets are \$3; children (11 years old and younger) tickets are \$2. For more information, call the Base Theater at 926-2919.*

**Friday 7:30 p.m. — Anchorman — Will Ferrell and Christina Applegate**

When feminism marches into the newsroom in the form of ambitious newswoman Veronica Corningstone, Ron, the top-rated anchorman in San Diego, is willing to play along at first, as long as Veronica stays in her place. But when she refuses to settle for being eye candy and steps behind the news desk, it's more than a battle between two perfectly coiffed anchors — it's war.

Rated PG-13 (sexual humor, language and comic violence) 91 minutes

**Saturday 2 p.m. — King Arthur — Clive Owen and Loan Gruffudd**

Arthur and his knights have served in the Roman military for 15 years and now have only one mission to fulfill before being granted their freedom. As the Saxons attack Britain, they must head north to rescue the last Roman officials left in a village. Once there, the Knights of the Round Table team set free Guinevere, a fierce fighter imprisoned by the Romans, so they can face the Saxons in battle.

Rated PG-13 (intense battle sequences, a scene of sensuality and some language) 126 minutes





# It’s show time



U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Sequoiya L. Franks  
Former Pittsburgh Steelers running back Franco Harris made an appearance at the Wynn Dining Facility Aug. 11 during a 78th Services Division food show. Mr. Harris was invited along with several other food company representatives to showcase products that Services is considering adding to the dining hall menu. The food show was part of a series of events sponsored by Services during a visit from the Air Force Materiel Command Gold Plate Team, on a tour evaluating how service divisions support their troops throughout the command. Harris' company, Super Bakery, makes breakfast products found in schools across the country.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Bowling Center

It’s time to get punched and get rewards with the Bowl for the Stars and Strikes through Aug. 31. Pick up a three-level punch card and start earning rewards. Bowlers have a chance to win a magnum red and blue sparkle ball and a bowling bag. For more information, call 926-2112.

Friendly Fridays will be held in August, from 1 - 4 p.m. Two can bowl for the price of one.

Let’s roll back to school is slated for Aug. 27 from 6 - 9 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person and includes pizza and a drink.

Intramural bowling begins Sept. 9. Get with your squadron representative to enter a team. Units wishing to enter a team must register by Aug. 27. Bowlers whose unit is not entering may enter the bowler’s player pool by contacting Kenny Porter at the Fitness Center at 926-2128. Teams needing bowlers can also contact the center to draw from the pool. All pool members will be assigned by Sept. 3. For more information, call the bowling center at 926-2112.

### Golf Course

A Cha Cha Cha tourney is scheduled for Aug. 28 with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$40 for annual green fee members and \$55 for guests, which includes breakfast, lunch,

drinks on course, green fee and cart fee. Play a six-hole scramble, six-hole two-low net and six-hole one-low gross.

Beginning in September, Pine Oaks Golf Course will be offering children, ages 8 - 13, a new program which makes learning golf easy and affordable, but most of all, fun. Golf 4 Kids provides children with a solid foundation about the game, including swing mechanics, etiquette, terminology, proper behavior and how to maintain speed of play. For \$50, participants receive eight hours of small group instruction in three supervised on-course playing experiences. Participants receive a Golf 4 Kids logo T-shirt, cap, golf towel, neon tee pack and bag tag, rules and etiquette brochures and a graduation certificate. Children graduating from the program will receive a free set of Ram junior clubs. Classes will be held from 4:30 - 6 p.m. Sept. 13, 15, 20, 22 and 27 for kids 8 - 10 years olds and Sept. 28, 30, Oct. 5, 7 and 12 for 11 - 13 year olds. Priority will be given to dependents of E1 - E6 military. Children of all active duty military will be given a second priority and if there are still spots open, dependents of any base personnel may join. For more information call the golf course at 926-4103.

A ladies social golf league will be held Mondays Sept. 13 - Oct. 25 from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. For more information, call the pro shop at 926-4103.

# Locals can greet AAFES shoppers

If you hear a familiar voice next time you’re in the BX, it’s part of the AAFES Radio Network program to record greetings from commanders, command sergeant majors and chief master sergeants, senior leaders, and local personalities to remind you of any military community message.

The AAFES Radio Network

is the in-store music and information programming.

“We want everyone to know about this great opportunity to keep community members informed and also to know about the importance of the mission and benefit of AAFES,” said Robins Exchange General Manager Mike Deerhake. “A good way

to demonstrate the partnership between local command and AAFES is through informational announcements from our base officials.”

If you are interested in broadcasting messages through the AAFES Radio Network, contact Bonita Williams, Robins/BX Exchange Public Affairs, at 922-2927.

## This week in Air Force history

Aug. 24, 1970

Two U.S. Air Force search and rescue helicopters, HH-53 Super Jolly Green Giants, successfully complete the first nonstop transpacific helicopter crossing in a 9,000-mile ferry flight from Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., to Da Nang Airport, Vietnam.

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# Operation security manager keeps vital information under wraps

By Holly J. Logan  
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Ronald O’Neal is helping Robins’ work force keep their jobs under wraps so war fighters can secure mission success.

Mr. O’Neal, an arms control and plans specialist with the Plans and Programs Division of the 78th Air Base Wing, who is charged with overseeing operations security for the base, said it’s his job to ensure base employees are equipped with the right knowledge to protect information essential to the war fighter’s capabilities and mission plans. “OPSEC is a program where we, as a government entity, attempt to deny adver-



## What to know

There are currently 58 operations security points of contact assigned to organizations and units at Robins. These individuals provide guidance on what measures people should take to protect mission related and other unclassified, but sensitive information. For more information, contact Ronald O’Neal at 926-1419.

saries access to unclassified but sensitive information, such as when we’re deploying somewhere and where we’re deploying, so we can keep the adversary from knowing what our plans are,” he said. “There are 90 countries in the world who attempt to collect intelligence on the United States.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp  
Ronald O’Neal oversees operations security for the base and ensures employees protect essential information.

We attempt to make people aware that these people are out there, collecting this information, so they’ll be more diligent about protecting this information.”  
The 54-year-old

Chattanooga, Tenn., native said he works hard to stay abreast of OPSEC issues that help Robins protect the mission its servicemembers and other employees serve.  
“Right now, the Department

of Defense, along with the Air Staff and the installation, is making OPSEC a high priority,” he said. “We want to make sure people shred documents, especially if it has privacy act information on it, such as recall rosters. We try to prevent people from going out and talking about a mission that they’re about to do and tell them to be careful about what they say on the telephone and write in e-mails. Leaking information has caused people to receive threatening phone calls and even get killed. Good OPSEC helps prevent these things from happening.”  
While Mr. O’Neal said all jobs at Robins are important to the mission, OPSEC is instrumental in ensuring the integrity of the mission remains strong.  
“My job is very important

because it helps protect the war fighter when he goes to his environment to do his job,” he said. “We don’t want the adversary to know when or how he’s coming.”  
Mr. O’Neal is currently working with others on base to develop a marketing plan that gets the word out that OPSEC should be everyone’s business.  
“We have to be vigilant about information we share with other people,” he said. “When you’re out in the restaurant, out in the supermarket, out in the bar, try not to discuss your job, your mission or what it is that you’re doing because the person sitting next to you may be sitting there for the purpose of collecting as much information about what you do as they possibly can.”

# Post-56 military earnings subject to Social Security, must be paid

78th Mission Support Group

## What are post-56 military earnings?

This term refers to earnings by military members for military service after 1956. Wages earned prior to 1956 weren’t subject to Social Security. Earnings after 1956 are subject to Social Security.

## Do CSRS employees need to pay this money back?

If you were first employed under CSRS before Oct. 1, 1982, your military service after Dec. 31, 1956, can’t be used in computing your civilian service annuity after age 62 if you are eligible for (or would be upon application) Social Security old-age benefits, unless a deposit has been made for the military service. Under current law, the deposit is 7 percent of your basic military pay. Individuals who have, or expect to have, enough credits to qualify for Social Security have the option of making the deposit and thereby avoiding a reduction in annu-

ity at age 62. (Note: If you’re already 62 or older at the time of retirement and eligible for Social Security, or would be upon application, your military service will not be included in the computation of your annuity unless the deposit has been paid.) Your payment must cover a full period of military service. Partial deposits that don’t cover a deposit for a full period of military service are refunded. If you will not be eligible for Social Security benefits at age 62, you will continue to receive free credit for your military service for retirement purposes. If you were first employed under CSRS after Sept. 30, 1982, no credit is allowed for post-56 military service unless you make a deposit for the service.

## Do FERS employees need to pay this money back?

Yes, FERS employees who have military service after 1956 have already received Social Security credits for the period of military service. In order to receive FERS retirement

credit for this same period of military service, a deposit of 3 percent of the base pay for the period of military service must be paid to the agency.

## I’m a Reservist, can I get credit for my Reserve service?

You may receive credit for prior active duty Reserve service, e.g., annual tours, school tours, mandays, but you cannot receive credit for inactive duty. If you served in the Air Force Reserve, you need to request an AF Form 1613 from ARPC/DPSSS to document these active duty periods.

## I’m in the National Guard, can I get credit for my Guard service?

As with Reserve service, you may be able to credit prior active duty Guard service, but that Guard service must be served under Title 10 USC (Federal). Title 32 USC service is not Federal service. The Adjutant General of the applicable state must verify Title 10 Guard service.

## How can I determine how much that I owe?

Contact Employee Relations in

Building 255 at 926-5307 for the form to request the amount of your military earnings. You may request the form from your servicing specialist by phone or e-mail. Once the form is received, attach a copy of your DD 214, and either fax or mail the form to the appropriate branch of service. Submit a separate form with your AF 1613 to your Reserve pay office to document Reserve active duty earnings. You will receive a statement in the mail showing the total amount you earned while in the military. Once you receive this information, provide a copy to your servicing specialist, who will calculate the amount of your military deposit and provide instructions on methods of payment.

## What do I need to do in order to pay this money back?

If you wish to pay this money back you have several options: pay the amount calculated in full; make partial payments; or set up payroll deduction which requires a minimum amount of \$25 per pay period. If you elect to pay

the deposit, it must be paid in full prior to retirement. Interest does accrue after the interest-free period, so if you intend to pay the deposit, timely payment is important.

## Do I need to pay this money if I’m retired military?

Only if you intend to combine your military service with your civilian service in order to receive a CSRS or FERS benefit based on the combination of your military and civilian service.

## If I’m CSRS, do I need to pay the money if I don’t plan on applying for Social Security?

The key here is not whether you plan to apply for Social Security benefits, but whether you will be eligible for Social Security benefits. If you owe the post-56 deposit and don’t pay it, your retirement benefits will be reduced if you are eligible to receive Social Security benefits at age 62, even if you elect to delay receiving the Social Security benefit until a later age.

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# ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

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### Clinic closed

The Occupational Medicine Clinic of the 78th Medical Group will be closed today and Aug. 27. If medical care is needed, please go to the nearest civilian health care facility. If emergency care is needed, please call 911. Paperwork regarding any injury or illness should be filed with OMS the next duty day. The OMS reception desk may be reached by calling 327-7590.

### 78th ABW Enlisted Promotion ceremony

Col. Greg F. Patterson, 78th Air Base Wing commander, will host the monthly 78th ABW Enlisted Promotion ceremony Aug. 31, 3:30 p.m., at the Vista Scope Theater, Museum of Aviation. Those being recognized will be notified by their respective first sergeants. Commanders, supervisors, family members, and friends are encouraged to attend. Show your unit's pride and spirit; come and join us in congratulating our new promotees. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Sharon Ward or Staff Sgt. Jessica Jackson at 926-0792.

### KC-135R photo shoot

The 99th Air Refueling Squadron and 19th Operational Support Squadron spouses are offering a fun way to remember your time here at Robins. They will be taking photos of singles, families or couples in front of a KC-135R. Appointments can be made Sept. 24 from 4 - 7:30 p.m. and Sept. 25 from 9 - 11 a.m. and from 4 - 7:30 p.m. Two dates will be available in October, dates and times are to be announced. Package prices are \$25, paid at the time of sitting, for 1-8x10, 2-5x7, and 4-3x5. Each pose ordered will be a \$25 package. To schedule an appointment time, contact Rhonda Paulk at 953-8521 or at [rdpaulk@cox.net](mailto:rdpaulk@cox.net).

### Legal assistance

The Base Legal Assistance Office wants to enhance the convenience of persons who need legal assistance. Active duty, activated reserves and guardsmen, retirees and their dependents are eligible for Base Legal Assistance. Eligible persons are now encouraged to call ahead for appointments or other arrangements. To consult an attorney, appointments are scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays. Powers of attorney and notaries are done on a walk-in basis, 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. The Base Legal Assistance Office is located in Building 215, Suite 178, at the North entrance. Eligible persons who need legal assistance are encouraged to call Stephanie Wynne at 926-3961, extension 111.

### Phone book notice

The printed phone book for Robins Air Force Base dated 2004 is deemed the only official phone book for this installation. All previous editions have been superceded by this edition and need to be destroyed or placed in recycle. If for historical or other reasons you require a previous edition -- not to be regularly used as an official directory -- you must attach the following notice to the cover of the outdated telephone book:  
“DO NOT DISCUSS CLASSIFIED INFORMATION ON UNSECURE TELEPHONES. OFFICIAL DOD TELEPHONES ARE SUBJECT TO MONITORING FOR COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY PURPOSES AT ALL TIMES. DoD telephones are provided for

the transmission of official government information only and are subject to communications security monitoring at all times. Use of official DoD telephones constitutes consent to communications security telephone monitoring in accordance with DoD Directive 4640.6.”

### Live fire training

The 78th Security Forces Squadron conducts live fire training at the base firing range, located on the northeast

side of Robins, adjacent to the horse stables. The range is off-limits to all persons, unless scheduled for training or official business. Nearby housing residents should warn children of the hazards of playing near the ranges. The ranges are clearly marked with signs, red flags, red beacon and streamers during weapons firing. Security forces are conducting day and night fire year-round. A red beacon for night operations has been installed so Robins personnel will know of

the location and dangers of the firing range at night.

### Boy Scout Troop 220

Boy Scout Troop 220 meets every Tuesday night from 7 to 8:30 at 1082 Hawkinsville St. For more information, call Mary Pangborn at 929-5742 or Dennis Collier at 953-8124.

### Girl Scouts leaders

Girl Scouts of Robins is in need of leaders and co-leaders. The troops meet on base. If

interested, contact Ginny Luther at (800) 868-4475 extension 133.

### Zero Overpricing Program

The Zero Overpricing Program aims to reduce overpricing in Air Force acquisitions. If the current catalog price for an item is incorrect submit an AF Form 1046 to WR-ALC/PKPB, Attn: ZOP Monitor, 235 Byron St., Robins AFB, GA 31098. For more information, contact

Cassandra Tharpe, WR-ALC/PKPB, at 926-7118 or visit <http://pkec.robins.af.mil/pr/pkpb.htm>.

### Veterans History Project

The Veterans History Project, a national initiative to collect individuals' wartime experiences, will provide a free instruction kit for veterans and volunteers awho would like to participate is available by calling (888) 371-5848, or by visiting [www.loc.gov/vets](http://www.loc.gov/vets).

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